

A Dinner in China—The Elaborate Feast Which Some American Ladies and Gentlemen Enjoyed.
[From the Hartford (Conn.) Courant.]

A lady formerly living here, now the wife of an American officer in China, writes to her friends at home an account of a ceremonious dinner which she attended recently. The feast was given by the "Deputy," and was attended by only seven persons—three American gentlemen, two American ladies, and two Chinese "men" besides the host. Describing the Deputy as a "lovely old man," the letter says:

"He passed to me first a cup of hot wine with a graceful bow; it was only after that that one could sit down. He made the tour of the table and gave each guest his wine, accompanied by the chin-chins (bows) from both parties. Before each guest were three plates, about the size of a little girl's teacup—three, three inches in diameter. On these plates we ate all our dinner except the soups, which were put before us in small bowls. Each one had his chopsticks and a two-pronged silver fork. In a few moments, as Mrs. M. and I could not use them very well, we were given our own forks and knives. At each place was a big pile of melon and apricot seeds, and this pile was replenished constantly during the four hours we were at the table. Between the courses everybody was cracking and eating away at the melon seeds. They were not very good, of course, yet it was amusing to nibble at them, and they came in hot from the oven, and on the whole did not taste badly.

"On the table when we sat down were eight dishes of preserved fruit of different kinds. They were all on those small dishes, but put one on top of the other to make a kind of pyramid, and in a row along the center of the table were other dishes larger in size and holding the more substantial things. On one were slices of lobster and walnuts—very good, both of them. On another were goose gizzards cut in thin slices; on another shrimp salad, and on another thin slices of chicken. These were what I gave an appetite for the dinner which followed. I sat next to the old Deputy, and he helped me from all the different dishes within his reach, only a mouthful or so from each, though. When we had tried all these things, the first course was brought on, and as I suppose you imagine, it was 'bird's nest soup,' and very good too. We have nothing like it at home. After that we had stewed chicken with young onion sprouts.

"The third course was cold mutton served with raw turnip cut in long thin strips.

"4th—Awfully good—was pigeon-eggs in a kind of acid soup.

"5th—Cucumbers stuffed with chopped fish.

"6th—Roast chicken served in very small bits with mushrooms.

"7th—Sharks' fins.

"8th—Mutton dumplings. [After that there was a little rest, and we walked about the garden, going to work again after a half hour.]

"9th—Pork soup.

"10th—Stewed mussels.

"11th—Champignons and spinach made together.

"12th—Ham in slices.

"13th—Stewed pigeons and bean curd.

"14th—Fish.

"15th—The nusples or fibers of flowers, 15th—Sea-slugs, (something awful to look at, just like leeches with pimples on them.)

"17th—Mushrooms and bamboo sprouts made together.

"18th—Cakes and bittersalmond sauce.

"19th—An entire roast pig. [It was brought on and then taken away and carved for us. I thought the dinner at an end when we had the cakes, and was taken aback to see this animal make its appearance. They served first the crackle or skin. It was a No. 1, and we began to eat each anew; second, they served the lean meat; third, they served some fat, and then something else, all four from the pig.]

"20th—Rice with chicken soup, salted cabbage, salt bean curd, chestnuts grown in water, and I don't know what.

"After that, tea and it was over."

This was followed by a two day's headache.

Station on State Rights.
[From the Indianapolis Journal.]

At the commencement of the war of the rebellion, about 100 bloods of Cincinnati, Ohio, organized a company of cavalry, and, as Ohio was not enlisting soldiers at that time in that branch of the service, they were sent to Washington and attached to a New York regiment. They made good soldiers, and everything went on well for about one year, when they became dissatisfied, and dispatched an officer to Columbus, Ohio, to confer with Gov. Tod about having the company transferred to a regiment from their own state. He told him that they had a natural pride for their native state, and wished her to receive the honor of their success in arms, &c. After hearing Mr. Wade patiently, Mr. Stanton said "state troops, state pride, state credit, state right—I tell you, Mr. Wade, we have had entirely too much of that nonsense already, and I can't grant your request. That company can serve the country just as well where it is." Mr. Wade said to the officer, as they walked away: "Isn't he a grand Union man? I tell you, this country will never know what it owes to Edwin M. Stanton.

A Missouri farmer, after a long calculation, presents the following facts concerning dogs:

In thirty-two counties 20,702 sheep have been killed by dogs. He estimates the number of dogs in thirty-two counties to be 462,000; that a hog will thrive on the food necessary to support an able bodied dog, and at the end of the year weigh two hundred pounds, therefore if the food for these 462,000 dogs went to the hogs, it would make 92,400,000 pounds of pork, worth at least 6 cents a pound, \$5,420,000—nearly twice the value of all the school houses in the state, and more than twice the amount used by the state for school purposes.

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CIVIL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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Troy, N. Y. Next term begins Sept. 12.

The Annual Register for 1894 contains a list of the graduates for the past 52 years, with their positions, also course of study requirements for admission, expenses, &c. Address, WM. H. YOUNG, Treasurer.

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RAIL ROADS.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R. Company.

OFFICE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, Wilmington, N. C., June 13, 1879.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

On and after Sunday June 15th 1879, Passenger Train on the W. & W. Railroad will run as follows:

DAY MAIL AND EXPRESS TRAIN

Daily.

Leave Wilmington, Front Street Depot at..... 7:10 A. M.

Arrive at Weldon at..... 1:10 P. M.

Leave Weldon at..... 3:33 P. M.

Arrive at Wilmington, Front St. Depot at..... 9:55 P. M.

NIGHT MAIL AND EXPRESS TRAIN, Daily

Leave Wilmington, Front Street Depot at..... 8:40 P. M.

Arrive at Weldon at..... 3:50 A. M.

Leave Weldon daily, at..... 2:13 A. M.

Arrive at Wilmington Front St. Depot at..... 8:45 A. M.

Trains on Tarboro Branch Road leave Rocky Mount for Tarboro at 5:00 P. M. Daily on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 4:00 A. M. Returning, leave Tarboro at 10:00 A. M. daily, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 P. M.

The Day Train makes close connection at Weldon for all points North via Bay Line, daily except Sunday, and daily via Richmond and all-rail route.

Night Train makes close connection at Weldon for all points north via Richmond.

Sleeping Cars attached to all Night Trains.

JOHN F. DIVINE, General Sup't.

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GEN. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R. Company.

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 13, 1879.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

On and after Sunday, June 15th, the following schedule will be run on this road:

DAY EXPRESS AND MAIL TRAIN—(Daily.)

Leave Wilmington..... 9:05 A. M.

Arrive Florence..... 1:35 P. M.

Leave Florence..... 3:50 P. M.

Arrive Wilmington..... 8:20 P. M.

NIGHT EXPRESS TRAIN, (daily)

Leave Wilmington..... 10:13 P. M.

Leave Florence..... 3:50 A. M.

Arrive at Columbia..... 9:00 A. M.

Leave Columbia..... 6:00 A. M.

Leave Florence at..... 2:55 A. M.

Arrive at Wilmington..... 6:50 A. M.

This Train stops only at Flemington, Whiteville, Fair Bluff, Marion.

Passengers for Augusta (via Columbia), should take Night Express Train from Wilmington.

Through Sleeping Cars on night trains for Charleston and Augusta.

JOHN F. DIVINE, Gen. Sup't.

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Carolina Central Railway Company.

OFFICE GEN'L SUPERINTENDENT, WILMINGTON, N. C., March 16, 1879.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

On and after Monday, 16th instant, the following schedule will be operated on this Railway:

PASSENGER, MAIL AND EXPRESS TRAIN

No. 1. Leave Wilmington at..... 6:30 A. M.

Arrive at Charlotte at..... 2:00 P. M.

Charlotte at..... 3:15 A. M.

No. 2. Leave Charlotte at..... 8:30 A. M.

Arrive at Hamlet at..... 2:00 P. M.

Wilmington at..... 10:00 P. M.

SHELBY DIVISION MAIL, FREIGHT & PASSENGER AND EXPRESS

No. 9. Leave Charlotte..... 7:00 A. M.

Arrive at Shelby..... 11:15 A. M.

No. 10. Leave Shelby..... 12:45 P. M.

Arrive at Charlotte..... 5:30 P. M.

The above Trains have Passenger accommodations, and are the only ones permitted to carry Passengers.

V. Q. JOHNSON,

Chief Engineer and Superintendent.

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All new, and strictly first-class, and sold at the lowest net, cash, wholesale factory prices, direct to the purchaser. These Pianos made one of the finest displays at the Centennial Exhibition, and were unanimously recommended for the Highest Honors—over 12,000 in use. Regularly incorporated Manufacturing Co.—Factory established over 37 years. The Square Grand contains 88 keys, the new patent Duplex Overstrung Scale, the greatest improvement in the history of Piano making. The Uprights are the finest in America. Pianos sent on trial. Don't fail to write for Illustrated and Descriptive Catalogue of 68 pages—mailed free.

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THE WILMINGTON POST.

WILMINGTON, N. C.
SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 3, 1879.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30, 1879.

DEAR POST:—Reaction, you know,

is sometimes essential to the prolongation of life, but when relief comes suddenly and completely, and such great waves of doubt, and uncertainty are rolled back from the overburdened public mind, as was done by the recent departure of our venerable solons, and statesmen, from this sphere of usefulness, it is a matter of some doubt if a reaction like this is entirely without an injurious effect; for the mind too suddenly relapses into that condition of lethargy, and inactivity, which usually follows a great mental strain, and although we cannot, in a sound state of mind, desire that Congress should re-convene a moment before the law requires, still we wish something would occur to relieve the monotony of a summer life in Washington, and to help us to forget the heat, dust and other incidentals of this city and its suburbs. About the only thing in which we are immediately interested, just now, is the long array of plans and projects, for the abatement of the great river nuisance, the "Potomac flats," which each year threaten the health and prosperity of the city from the fevers which breed from this immense accumulation of decomposing matter; perhaps Congress will eventually do something about it; after they have saved the country, completed the Washington Monument, and attended to some other little matters of a like importance; and in the mean time, if the mortality among the members continues as at the last session, a proposition for moving the Capitol will be in great favor, and we are glad that the name of North Carolina is so near the head of the list of desirable places; for it is well known, that no more beautiful or healthful spots can be found, for that, or any other purpose, than can be found in the Old North State. We are pleased to see the fearless, straightforward stand you have taken, in favor of John Sherman for the Republican standard bearer in 1880. He is one man against whom the vindictive shafts of a bitter and relentless enemy must, and do, fall harmless, and of whom Republicans can truthfully utter no words but those of commendation; as a statesman, he should satisfy the radical wing of the party as no other prominent candidate can do; as a most successful financial manager he is in much favor with the business interests of the country, and present indications fully warrant the prediction, that before the National Convention is called to make the nomination for our chief Executive, he will have developed such an enthusiasm among the great thinking, voting population of this country, by the good results of his financial policy which will then be fully determined, as to make opposition inexpedient, unwise and dangerous. Then let the cry roll up from old North Carolina with ever increasing power. It will be long before it is echoed and re-echoed over the land. The enthusiasm for John Sherman is growing, and it is not of the kind that is likely to be suppressed, and with North Carolina wheeled into line again, on this occasion, among the Republican states, we shall have had glory enough for a while. You believe that she can be; let us unite in saying that she shall, we know it is with us in sentiment. Why should it not be so in vote? And here in closing we desire to thank the Post for the prompt and emphatic denial of the charge, that has been published in this city, that the Republican party of North Carolina was disrupted and inharmonious. We could not see how or why it should be so, but until your denial appeared we feared that there might be something behind the clouds, which had not appeared to us, but now, with harmony, unity and a strong pull all together we can snuff victory in the passing breeze. As we from the "Cape Fear" region look anxiously each week for the smiles or frowns of the Post, and are thereby encouraged or disheartened, let us see your smiles as often as possible.

Yours,
OCCASIONAL.

A Novel But Infamous Method for Improving the Appearance of Green Coffee.

To the Editor of Wilmington Post:

SIR:—Coffee has become an article of almost universal consumption, and is no longer regarded as a luxury, but a necessity, and is esteemed by all who use it as being as wholesome as it is delicious, when properly made and wholly free from adulteration. Humanity has surely suffered quite enough already in the use of the deleterious compounds sold as ground coffee, but resembling the genuine article in appearance only; and yet it appears that neither the excessive and iniquitous gains arising from the sale of a commodity, the chief ingredients of which are a quality of peas more fleshy than fresh, and an article of damaged coffee, utterly worthless that ought to be discarded, nor the unsavory flavor and health-destroying effects of these cheap but vile compounds, have satisfied the cus-

pidity of some, or served to remove the stupidity of others. Nevertheless, we have learned with grief and astonishment that some have been found so devoid of conscience as to place in market painted coffee; and painted, too, by ingredients the most poisonous. Language is inadequate to express the enormity of the wrong. That respectable merchants should lend their aid in the perpetration of it is a painful reflection on a class hitherto noted for their intelligence, integrity and high sense of honor.

However this may be, it is nevertheless a lamentable fact, that the nefarious work of painting coffee with chrome green goes on; and with the merchant there must rest a fearful responsibility, for it is a self-evident proposition that when the merchant ceases to sell an article that will surely injure, and perhaps destroy, the lives of his fellows, the occupation of the coffee painter will be gone.

But our faith in the honor and integrity of the merchants tells us that they, like ourselves, have been profoundly ignorant of the true character of the compound which has been used for the purpose of enhancing the value of an inferior article of green coffee. They have simply failed to satisfy themselves of the true character of the preparation which makes a very inferior article to assume the appearance, but not the quality, of a very superior one. For the past six months every person conversant with the coffee trade has been aware of the fact that the importation of the lowest grades of Rio coffee was represented in large quantities. This was a matter of no little surprise, in view of the fact that the price of a good article was proportionately lower than at any time during the past eighteen years. But this surprise was very much heightened when it was definitely ascertained that there was a correspondingly large increase in the demand by the retail trade for these inferior grades of green Rio coffee. In looking around for a cause, we were not long in discovering that a strange manipulation of the article was going on, and further investigation reveals the fact that the demand for the manipulated article is so large that the wheels of one establishment never cease day or night, to run.

Not curiosity alone, but a suspicion that the ingredients used in painting green coffees were not so harmless as represented in the form of a pamphlet, engaged in the business 10 pounds of coffee, in order that he might show us proof of what he could do in the way of preparing coffee so as to deceive the unsuspecting public. His skill in this direction at once convinced us that it was our bounden duty to place the 10 pounds so prepared in the hands of an able chemist for analysis, which we did.

The report we invite the earnest and thoughtful attention, not only of every one who drinks coffee, but of all who feel that in the better sense they are their brothers' keepers.

NEW YORK, July 1st, 1879.
MESS. ARBUCKLE BROS.:
GENTLEMEN:—I have made analysis of a sample of coffee received from you, June 19, 1879, with the following results: 1. I find present: Lead, chromium and iron in the form of a minute amount of lead and prussian blue—these two compounds forming, when mixed, the so-called "chrome green." I report, therefore, that this sample of coffee is colored with "chrome green."

Signed,
CHAS. M. STILLWELL, A. M.
Is it not high time that we had a law, not alone to prevent the adulteration of what we eat, but still more to prevent the poisoning of the which we drink? Respectfully submitting this to the consideration of the public, we are,
Truly yours,
ARBUCKLE BROS.

STATE ITEMS.

There is a society at Wadesboro called the "Dixie Agricultural and Mechanical Association," and they are to lay the corner stone of a new exhibition building on the 16th of August. A great time is expected.

The Alamo Gleaner is spicing on the subject of "office seeking." It says that offices "have come to be regarded very much as spoils to be divided out among politicians, and contended for because of the pay, and power there is in them. And, in the contest, real worth and merit, if coupled with modesty, is about as valuable as would be the same qualities in one of a dozen hungry boys in the presence of half as many apples." It adds that the "wild hunt for office" amounts to a mania, that individual interests have too long controlled conventions, and that if the style of things is not changed "defeat will be possible."

The Winston Leader says: It will be remembered that we published an account of a Bible in the possession of a gentleman in West Virginia, which was taken from the pocket of Alpha Cook who was killed at Cedar Creek in the battle there on the 23d of September 1864. That article was the means of directing the relatives to the whereabouts of their lost one. Mr. Frank Cook, brother of the deceased and a resident of Davidson county, was in our office on Saturday last and showed us the Bible, heretofore described. The blood-stain was almost as fresh upon its pages as when it became the war wound.

Mr. E. R. Sutton, of Edenton, has secured a patent for his cotton plow and grass shaver, and expects to have it manufactured in time to introduce it in the state fair. This plow is a credit to the inventor (Mr. Sutton) a native son of North Carolina. It surpasses any plow, and when once introduced among the cotton farmers will be a great economist in saving time, labor and money.

Among the sentiments contained in the recent letter of General W. T. Sherman to a young friend in New Orleans, which has subjected him to severe criticism from the Democrats we find the following:
The great sin of the south, the "great cause of all her woes" has been the "localism" of her brilliant minds. In-

stead of boasting of the spot where one was born by an accident, or by chance, he had no control, I should suppose every American would be proud of his whole country rather than of a part. Therefore I hope and pray that the new men of the south, with whom I class you, will cultivate a pride in the whole United States of America, instead of the mere state and locality of birth.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

1879 Excursion Season 1879

Leaving Goldsboro at 10.10 A. M. daily arriving at Salisbury 10.30 P. M. there connecting with Sleeping Cars on W. N. C. R. R., and reaching Swannanoa at 6.30 A. M. and Asheville 10.30 A. M., being beyond question the line of quickest transit and superior comfort to all others running to Western North Carolina.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., June 30, 1879.

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